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EDITORIAL.

By R. YODAIKEN
Retiring Editor

And so to bed! After and exciting and successful year, the Auricle closes its account and goes to rest until 1954. The Editor and staff wish to take this opportunity of thanking their well educated public for the excellent support received throughout the year, not only in respect of the numbers of Auricles bought, but also in respect of the comments and sage criticism offered.

We well know that our efforts have not always reached the standard expected of us. The task we set ourselves was a difficult one. It was felt from the outset that the Auricle had an important role to play at Medical School and if it was to fulfill that role five principles were to be maintained:-

1) The General "line" of the magazine should conform to the views of the majority of students, but at the same time should remain as unbiased as possible.

2) The material presented should be suited to cater for the wide variety of temperament met with at Medical School.

3) The Auricle should serve to keep its readers in contact with student affairs all over the world.

4) Staff and students should meet in the columns of the magazine.

5) The Auricle should remain financially sound.

In a modest way we can claim to have achieved our ends. Our criticism has been levelled at all shades of opinion. The variety has been wide and often a little spicy. We have maintained a Foreign Affairs column and have approached outside universities for contributions. Besides visiting lecturers, the Deans of Cape Town and Pretoria have contributed to the magazine and it is to be hoped that the future Auricle Staff will go further afield in bringing its readers into contact with fellow universities. As it is the Auricle has regularly reached every Medical School in South Africa and medical schools in five foreign countries.

The Staff have contributed magnificently not only by way of written contribution, but also by way of practical advice. We owe a great deal to them.

Finally, our sales have been fairly consistent and we emerge triumphantly without a penny to our name.

Mention must be made of the SMC. The Auricle has leaned heavily on the SMC in the past and this year has proved no exception. Most particularly we must express our appreciation of the encouragement given to us by the past President, Elton Goldblatt.

To wind up we hope that all goes well with you in the forthcoming exams and that you all enjoy a sup-free holiday.

OUT THE OLD AND IN THE NEW

On behalf of the student body, we wish to bid farewell to Elton Goldblatt, past President of the S.M.C. Elton has given a great deal to this Medical School and has set an excellent example by his conscientiousness and sincere interest in student affairs.

At the same time we wish to welcome the new President, John Monk. May his term of office be as productive as his predecessor's.

Applications are invited for the following positions on the Staff of the Auricle:

- Editor
- Assistant Editor
- Treasurer
- Cartoonist
- Distribution Manager
- Advertising Manager
- 3 staff members.

Applications should reach the S.M.C. Office not later than the 14th September, 1953.

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LOOKING BACK OVER THE FIRST 33 YEARS

By Professor R A Dart. (11th in this series)

Our graduates are capable teachers. The majority of the teachers in our school today, both in the basic and clinical sciences are Witwatersrand graduates. We sent Phillipus Johannes Kloppers as Professor of Medicine and G.F.J. Schepers as Professor of Anatomy to Pretoria Medical School. 'Sandy' Galloway went to the Makerere Medical School at Kampala in Uganda as Professor of Anatomy and is now the Dean of the Faculty there. Erasmus, as mentioned, has gone to Cape Town. Drs. J P.R. Becker and F.B. Stein are the Acting Heads of our Pathology and Clinical Pathology Departments. Joseph Gillman, three years ago, was made Professor of Physiology in his own school and now Theodore Gillman, having been appointed to the Physiology Chair in Durban, is carrying away Ellis E.Rosenberg as his Senior Lecturer in Histology and half my laboratory staff to help create the Anatomy and Physiology departments there. Our first Professor of Physiology, Professor E.H. Cluver, after a period as Secretary for Health returned here as Director of the S.A.I.M.R. and Professor of Preventive Medicine. Our second Professor of Physiology Professor A.D. Stammers has, since his retirement become the salaried secretary of the Rhodesian University Committee in Salisbury. The two original medical schools in Southern Africa have already, whether by fission or accretion, produced four. With that at Makerere and those coming ere long at Stellenbosch, in Rhodesia and at Nachimota in West Africa, where Professor John Phillips (previously our Professor of Botany is now Professor of Agriculture) the four medical schools in the African parts of the Commonwealth will in the foreseeable future become eight. Whatever advances in medical education occur in the future in Africa, it is inevitable that our graduates will assume, as in the past, roles of leadership. An old proverb says 'Who would know what shall be must consider what hath been.' In their wide variety, in their sense of collaborative service, and in their actual achievements our graduates have been sources of great pride as well as pleasure to their teachers. From their good service a great enchantment has been wrought upon this country and in the world beyond it. What hath been their performance augurs well for that which shall be in the future.

It is permissible, now that I have displayed some of their virtues, to criticise certain deficiencies of our graduates! These must needs be remedied if the future is to realise those expressed hopes. I wish first of all to speak about (a) your own organisation.

Today although they number over 2,000 there has been no more than 50% increase in the membership of the Graduate Association beyond what it was when it was first formed nearly twenty years ago and when the total number of graduates scarcely exceeded the present membership of the Graduate Association.

None are more aware than your past and present teachers of the fact that six of those 'Brebner - Black - Craib' years were occupied in waging a desperate struggle; and that the six years since the war have been principally consumed in the herculean task of adapting the school and its staff first formed to receive 30 - 65 students a year, to the strain of accomodating post-war classes from which over 200 graduated each year in Medicine alone! Our second year classes rose for a while to over 400. So approximately half of the school's graduate producing existance has been spent preparing unawaredly for this titanic event and the other half in enduring it and recovering from it. In the meantime South Africa has been transmuting itself from the ox-wagon and red-blanket stage to the national road, jet propulsion and atomic age. Our Graduate Association must become a streamlined structure if it is to adapt itself to this supersonic post war era - We have plenty of graduate material now and also the leisure and maturity of judgment and experience with which to refashion the Graduate Association in such a manner as to be worthy of its own past and personnel.

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YOUR PLACE IN THE UNIVERSITY

The Principal has already told you this evening that the representation of Convocation upon the University Council is to be enlarged and that the medical graduates have failed hitherto to place one of their number upon the University Council: not to represent the interests of Medicine there but to render the type of service to the University that only a graduate with a medical man's experience can render.

While I was assembling information about our graduates for these remarks I went through the Calendar of the University and the Medical School to see whether any graduates' name was identified with anything structural or symbolical in the Institution. There is a table in the Dean's office, in whose centre is a brass tablet commemorating the year 1942 of the first graduating class. There are some photographs of past classes lining halls and rooms and some photographs of past S.M.C. Councils in the Student's Common Room. Many classes have left mementos in the Pharmacology Department; but there is only one University prize and I am glad there is one, identified with a graduate's name: the department is Surgery and the graduate Dudley Bonny Harwood-Nash, M.B. B.Ch., Rand (1932).

Lest I should omit other graduate benefactors I applied to the Librarian, who has assisted me to trace all manner of forgotten facts, and she wrote as follows :-

'Dear Professor Dart,

As I have been unable to find any information such as you asked for, in the records of the Library I consulted Mrs. de Wit, as I thought she might remember any outstanding bequest or donation, but she cannot recall the name of any particularly noteworthy graduate. Most of the donations of books we have received have been from doctors who qualified overseas, and have been presented to the Library either on the doctor's retirement from practice, or after his death, by his family. I do not think any of them have been specific bequests. There have been a few smaller gifts from the parents of students who have died before completing their course, and much of our material comes from current donations such as those made by yourself, Professor Watt and Dr. Stephen-Lewis.

I am sorry not to be able to give more helpful information than this, but perhaps the future will benefit by the lean record of the past.'

Signed: A.C.Dick, Librarian.

Now it seems to me that the reason this situation has not been remedied in the past is fundamentally the inherent modesty of our graduates and their pre-occupation with the war, which has been simultaneously our principal spur and our principal handicap. Teddy Schneider anticipated me when he sounded tonight what I regard as the authentic note of our graduates in this connection. He said that it was now the graduates' opportunity to repay their Alma Mater in some measure for what she had done for them. There are many ways, and I have tried to demonstrate them, in which many of our graduates have repaid simply by their manner of conducting their lives any debt they owed to their Alma Mater. There remain many other graduates who will gladly serve her in the future as they have done in the past if your Association shapes the appropriate courses for them to follow.

I call upon all of you assembled here tonight, teachers, visitors and friends to be upstanding and to honour musically the toast of 'Our Graduates'. ''

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"CERTAINLY HE HEARD VOICES IN HIS HEAD, GENTLEMEN"

"..... of outrageous fortune."

by Colin Black

You've read the epic of Casie Storey. You've seen Willie Doe wander in and out of the "Auricle". You've watched the terrible machinations of Gramdoogle and now - we have pleasure in presenting the grim.....

Alfredo spat out his cigarette and poured himself another drink. He walked over to the couch and gazed out at the voluptuous panorama of the city. He turned once more and glanced at the newspapers which lay spread out before him. With a shrug of despair he summoned to his confused brain the Leader-column; "Medical Student found dead - Police suspect suicide.....At 6.30 a.m. this morning Constable van der Heerve while returning to Marshall Square noticed a small black sedan parked in a 'no parking' area. On investigation he found the driver to be slumped over the wheel, dead. The cause of death appeared to be a bullet-wound in the left temple, inflicted by a .45 revolver which lay beside him. The Constable reported to his superiors, and the case is now under investigation."

Alfredo slumped into the couch. "Was it his fault, could he have avoided it?" He poured himself another drink. Funny how little the wine was affecting him tonight. Try as he would he could not escape from the grim realisation that Pat was dead, and he, Alfredo, but for his stupidity could have avoided it.

It had all begun three months ago. He had thrown a party to celebrate Pat's 21st birthday. At the party there had been the usual collection of arty students, soft lights and exotic music. Over at the bar there was a couple discussing the Pro's and Con's of the Neo-Nhilist Sect in France, one or two couples 'smooching' on the couch, some dancing..... Pat was on the sunporch when Alfredo joined him. To say that he was drunk would be to air a terminological inexactitude, but to say that he was altogether sober would be equally incorrect. "Care for a drink?" asked Alfredo as Pat turned towards him. "No thanks", he replied, turning once more toward the flashing neon-lights. "Penny for your thoughts", ventured Alfredo. Pat smiled, then said "As a matter of fact I am in a financial dilemma. I have to find fifty-pounds by the end of the month". "Have another drink", laughed Alfredo, "you need it". Pat shrugged and held out his glass. Alfredo looked pensive for a moment then said: "Have you thought of asking your Dad for a loan?" "Yes", said Pat, "but I would rather not". The decisiveness in his voice showed that further argument along those lines would be futile. "What do you propose to do?" asked Alfredo genuinely perturbed. Pat looked at his empty glass then said, "I am going to speak to Magda." "Ridiculous", said Alfredo, "You know as well as I do that Magda is a crook and gives nothing for nothing, and what's more...." "Oh shut up and stop being so melodramatic. The position is roughly this, I need fifty pounds and Magda offered to lend it to me". Alfredo shuffled uncomfortably as he suddenly became aware that the night air was chilly. "For your sake I hope it all works out right. Meanwhile come inside and join the fun".

Alfredo Duare was a brilliant young Zoologist who had come to the University from the Belgian Congo to prepare a thesis for his Master of Science degree. Thus it was that a few weeks later he was busy in one of the departmental laboratories

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Willie Doe and Rugby

Mrs. Doe says that she is so excited that Willie Doe is standing all night in the queue for Rugby tickets. She says that she always knew that he would grow up into a fine sportsman and what a fine thing it will be when other little boys will queue up to see him play rugby.

Mr. Doe says yes it is all very fine for Mrs. Doe to talk, but, it was he, Mr. Doe, who had to dig into his pocket for £5 to give to the little scamp and does Mrs. Doe realise how hard he, Mr. Doe, has to work for £5 these days while all Mrs. Doe can do is gossip with the neighbours and argue with Mr. Doe.

Freda Doe wants to know who is going to the rugby with those tickets and doesn't Mrs. Doe thing it is a good idea if she asks Marmaduke Vincents to come with her to the rugby because she just knows that M.V. is SO interested in sport. Why he was actually chosen to play for his school team once and doesn't Mrs. Doe think that wonderful?

Mr. Doe says he must be mad if he will give Willie Doe's tickets to two young embeciles who don't know the difference between Bassie van Wyk and Vasco de Gama and why doesn't Freda Doe get married to a nice young fellow who makes a living. Mr. Doe says he is sure Willie Doe will give him the tickets so that he can take his boss to the rugby and doesn't the family realise that if he doesn't get that promotion NO ONE will go to rugby - and let alone that there won't even be enough money to support Freda Doe's boyfriend - that Marmaduke Vincent bloke.

Willie Doe walks in through the door and says that he just had a fight with Palsy Jo and that he has lost his place in the queue.

Medical Ethics {N°5

By Prof Elliott

PROFESSIONAL SECRECY IN EVERYDAY PRACTICE

Last week, the paragraphs of a number of ethical codes bearing upon professional secrecy were quoted, and the law in relation to professional secrecy discussed. This week, professional secrecy in everyday practice will be discussed.

It is sound practice for the doctor to start from the premise that all he knows of his patient is secret between himself and the patient, even including the mere fact that he has seen the patient professionally. Clearly, this ideal cannot always be achieved, but nevertheless, it is an ideal to be aimed at.

Who are the people with whom the doctor might have to discuss his patients, or might be tempted to do so?

First, there is his wife (or her husband). Through telephone messages received, she must of necessity learn something of her husband's practice. But only the bare minimum of information concerning patients must be disclosed to her by her doctor husband. The confidence placed in a doctor by his patients might be said to be in inverse proportion to the amount of information concerning their cases which they think has been passed on to his wife.

Next, there is the doctor's receptionist or secretary. When entering into an employment agreement with such a person, the doctor must emphasise that everything heard in the consulting rooms or read in reports on his patients is, and must remain, confidential. Nor must the quality or quantity of the doctor's practice be discussed outside the consulting rooms by the receptionist or secretary.

The doctor's professional association with trained nurses is on a different footing in that the trained nurse is also pledged to secrecy. Under this pledge, there will in the interests of the patient naturally by interchange of information between doctor and nurse. But even the doctor-nurse relationship does not <u>necessarily</u> entail exchange of <u>all</u> information and confidences.

Between a number of doctors concerned with a particular patient, there will be virtually full exchange of confidences. But even in this professional relationship, there may be confidences which the patient requestshis own doctor not to disclose to anyone else, including other doctors in the case; or there may be confidences which one doctor in the case considers should not be disclosed to the others.

Medical students are in the same privileged position as doctors in regard to professional secrecy, and are bound by the declaration made when they enter the second year of study at the Medical School. Being so bound, they must not discuss particular patients with anyone but fellow medical students, doctors, and members of the nursing profession registered under the South African Nursing Council who also have made their declaration concerning professional secrecy. Particular patients must not be discussed at home, or in residence, with the student's family or with students other than medical students, or with anyone else not bound by the conditions of one or other of the declarations of secrecy. A patient's health and welfare, and the feelings of the relations, can be gravely hurt by injudicious gossip.

Discussions about patients at professional meetings or at student teaching conferences, and the publication in the medical press of case

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Hutch = Notch — POT-POURRI OF HUMOUR

IT CAN BE DONE

She rides in a limousine,
Lives in a mansion,
Wears gorgeous jewels,
And furs.
She does not know
The value of money:
And yet she earns
Her every cent.
And this is how
She does it.

Throughout the land
In the largest papers,
And the small ones,
Each day there appears
A column;
It is about budgets,
And how to live
On 10 dollars a week.
She writes them.

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What is your occupation?
I used to be an organist.
And why did you give it up?
The monkey died.

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WHETHER

The husband answering the phone:
"I don't know, call the weather bureau" and hung up.
"Who was that?" asked the wife.
"Some fellow asked whether the coast was clear".

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TOOSLOWLY

The gentleman was a slow speaker.
He went into a Chemists for some asprin.
It took him two minutes to ask for what he wanted.
"Pardon me", said the Chemist, "but have you always spoken like that?"
"Always!" said the gentleman, "its in the family. I am the one who speaks the fastest. Now my sister..... once she was in a car with a man and by the time she could say "I am not a girl like that", she was one".

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FEMININITY.

Policeman sternly: "You were doing 60 miles an hour, Miss".
Lady driver: "Oh, isn't that marvelous and I only learnt to drive yesterday".

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VACUUM

Said the Vicar's wife: "I hear you won a vacuum cleaner in a raffle, Mrs. Potts".
"Yes, ma'am", replied Mrs. Potts "but it is of no use to me. I ain't got a vacuum".

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WISE COUNSEL

Counsel: "Now where did he kiss you".
Plaintiff: "On the lips, Sir".
Counsel: "No, no, you don't understand. Where were you?"
Plaintiff blushing: "In his arms Sir".

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CAUGHT !

He that courts and runs away
May live to court another day,
But he who courts and does not wed
May find himself in court instead.

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A visitor said to a little girl, "And what will you do, my dear, when you are as big as your mother?"
"Diet", said the modern child.

EDITORIAL

Another year draws to a close - a year which in all modesty we of the Auricle can refer to as an eventful and successful one in the annals of the Auricle's march to respectibility as a newspaper.

A noticeable aura of nostalgia pervaded the staff members during the completion of this, the last Auricle for the year, for we all knew that dissolving with the end of 1953, goes the 1953 Auricle Committee; and a very happy Committee it has been which ventured from the safe realms of the 6-page-roneoed-Rag-Era into the unknown vistas of Lithography and all its pitfalls.

They stuck by the Auricle as it made its appearance amid thunderous applause from all Medical Students, then through the period of the "waning crescent of support" as the novelty of having beautifully printed pages every week became a fait complete - and then onto a fairly safe pinnacle of weekly support.

Rather solemnly we wave goodbye to our erstwhile Editor who leaves us to seek pastures new. We feel sure that Ralph will grace the S.R.C with word and deed as he did as Editor of the Auricle. At the same time the hope that the future Editorial Staff of the Auricle will work in the same spirit as their predecessors who between serious arguments pulled together as one.

Let us not forget our beautiful - if somewhat hardboiled (at times) secretary, who never failed us despite the efforts of the whole Auricle Staff to - vainly it may be said - "catch her eye".

In conclusion, our appreciation to Messrs. Westdene and their delightful Staff, to whom we are indebted for initiating this brighter Auricular Era.

Assistant Editor.

The Librarian says:-

Tropical victory by Dr. Michael Gelfand, is an account of the medical history of Southern Rhodesia between 1890 and 1923 when the country received responsible government. Its publication has been sponsored by the Rhodes Centenary Celebrations Committee and it is intended primarily "as a tribute to Cecil Rhodes on the occasion of the centenary of his birth". It tells of how in the eighteen-nineties the two most prevalent diseases doctors had to contend with were malaria and blackwater fever, and how after the nature of these fevers was better under stood, the existence of others in the territory was discovered The book traces the development of public health regulations in the towns, and shows how the realization gradually came that, in order that the European be able to lead a healthy life in Rhodesia, it was essential that the welfare of the African be considered. Hence the improvement in living conditions for mine workers, and the establishment of clinics in rural areas. It tells of the outstanding work done by untrained nurses in the pioneering days, and of the demand later for better training and conditions for them. It shows how with the increase and the change in the nature of the population, more facilities had to be provided. At first the population was predominately male, but as life become more settled and the difference in the numbers between the sexes decreased, measures had to be taken to provide maternity hospitals, orphanages and health services for school children. The author pays tribute to the public-spiritedness of Rhodesians, and besides giving a great deal of information about

HISTORY OF MEDICINE

WIDEN YOUR HORIZONS

The omission of history of medicine as part of our curriculum has been a constant source of wonder to me since the day I entered this School.

I do not say this lightly, for I keep in mind the heavily laden time-table that students have to conform to.

From time to time there have been sporadic attempts to interest students in this particular field by lunch-hour lectures. These have not been very successful but I am now in a position to say that a comprehensive set of lectures is being arranged under the guidance of Professor Joseph Gillman. These will take place next year and will be presented under the auspices of the History of Medicine Society.

Our attitude has been influenced by the scientific advances which have opened new vistas to the physician. With every new development an increasingly great burden was laid on those from whom society demanded the greatest possible minimum before they were allowed to practice their skill. It is therefore not surprising that the attitude "to know more and more about less and less" was fostered . In a field where new concepts are constantly being advanced it was considered inadvisable to clutter the mind of students with a study of historical misconceptions.

Today, however, many of us would welcome the broad approach to our ever narrowing spheres of specialisation. The basic principles of profession were aptly defined by Professor Sigerist as:-

1) Promotion of health.
2) Prevention of illness.
3) Restoration of health.
4) Rehabilitation.

For about 100 years the study of the History of Medicine was confined to the study of actual medical practice.

Today the medical man must keep in mind the above principles as well as the realisation that geographic and economic factors are of considerable importance.

It is hardly necessary to point out that such a study would have to embrace the history of medicine in the broader sense and emphasise the principles of our profession laying stress on our understanding of peoples and our knowledge of the past.

J. Kleiner
Chairman, History of Medicine Society.

In the middle ages there was a popular belief that Julius Caesar was born by a Caesarian operation. In his time the operation was only performed after death for religious measures; and Caesar's mother lived for several years after he was born. The operation obtained its name from the fact that Roman laws in the time of Caesar required this procedure to be performed after the death of a mother.

When Shakespeare spoke of insanity as a mind diseased, he anticipated physicians in this knowledge by nearly a century. Thomas Willis, a prominent practitioner in London during the 17th century seems to have been the first to have agreed with this view. However, it was not until well after the French Revolution that care of mental patients was attempted.

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microscopically examining the structure of the primitive backbone of a rare earthworm known in scientific circles as "Balanoglossus". Suddenly a door opened at the end of the Laboratory and Peter the African Lab. assistant entered. "Phone call Mr. Duare" he said. "Thanks Peter," muttered Alfredo as he hastily turned off the lamp and removed the slide from the microscope stage and hurried to the 'phone. "Hullo. That you Alfredo?" "Yes", he replied. "Pat speaking. I would like to have a chat with you at lunch-time." "Sure, how about the refectory at one o'clock". "Fine", said the voice and the 'phone clicked. Alfredo replaced the receiver and went back to the Lab.

The refectory was crowded and it was fully a minute before Alfredo noticed Pat beckoning to him from a corner table. It was fully another minute before he managed to weave through the crowd and finally draw up a chair and take out his sandwiches. "I bring greetings from my humble domain and humbly invite you to partake of my modest meal". "Greetings, " retaliated Pat, "I have news for you. Peter Sevell was here a moment ago and he asked me if I knew anyone who would like to take over his hotel booking at Lourenco Marques for the long-weekend. I thought that we might go". "A noble suggestion to be sure, and one that bears looking into", said Alfredo. "If it does not work out too expensive I would be glad to". "Good. I will make arrangements and we can go in my car", said Pat then noticing that it was nearly two o'clock he gulped down his coffee and beat a hasty retreat.

On the following Friday Alfredo left the laboratory early and hurried back to his flat to pack. On the door was a note which read simply; "Downstairs at five.....Pat."

The trip was reasonably swift and the two students had the good fortune of avoiding the rush at the Customs Office. Thus, barely eight hours later two weary travellers slumped into bed at a suburban hotel in Lourenco Marques.

When Alfredo woke up Pat was already dressed and was slumped in a chair grinning at the latest Esquire magazine. "Good morning", said he without looking up. "Good morning", replied the groggy Alfredo, "What time is breakfast?" "Breakfast was over two hours ago, but if you ask me nicely I might go and get you some coffee", said Pat. "Please do" said Alfredo. Pat got up and went out. Meanwhile, Alfredo stumbled into the bathroom and turned on the shower. R.r.r.ring. "Dammit the 'phone", he sputtered through a mouthful of cholorophyll. He ran to it and lifted the receiver. "Hullo", he mumbled. "Good morning Mr. Obering", cooed a soft voice at the other end of the line. "Mr. Obering will you please call at the La Sabre Eating-House this evening and ask for Alphonse". "Er yes," he said not bothering to tell the caller that it was not Pat speaking. The 'phone clicked and he went back to his shower.

At dinner that evening he told Pat about the 'phone-call. Pat looked uneasy and said "that there must have been some mistake". The entrance of two very attractive young ladies left the conversation hanging in the air somewhat as the two young men turned to pay homage.

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After dinner the two friends introduced themselves to the young ladies and asked them to join them over a cup of coffee in the lounge. The time passed rapidly. At about nine o'clock Pat excused himself from the table. He said that he was going to take a few aspro's. Alfredo waited about five minutes then excused himself and hurried to his room. Pat was not there. He ran downstairs and hailed a taxi. "La Sabre Eating House, and quick", he yelled to the driver. Pat's car was there as he expected, and he told the driver to wait around the corner, meanwhile he slipped into the eating house. The La Sabre was housed in an old dilapidated warehouse on the water-front. It was patronized by sailors, good-time girls, petty thieves and tourists, who come in small parties to view the spectacle. Alfredo soon spotted Pat sitting in a cubical talking to a Portuguese gentleman who was presumably Alphonse. Alfredo hesitated, then decided to stay unobserved and watch. The dusky Portuguese took a small suitcase from his side and gave it to Pat. The two shook hands then Pat rose and left. Alfredo waited until his car pulled off, then ran back to his taxi. With the inducement of escudos he managed to get back to the hotel before Pat, so that when he arrived Alfredo was once again in the lounge.

"Is your headache better now", asked Alfredo as Pat walked in. "Yes thanks", he said warily. "You're a poor liar, Pat. I followed you to La Sabre". "Oh", said Pat guardedly. "I want a full explanation Pat, I want to know what you are up to". Pat shrugged his shoulders then said, "I could tell you to go to blazes, but I'll tell you the whole story. As you know I was short of money last month. Magda lent me the money and asked me to do him a favour in return. He said that he was fond of a certain brand of American cigarettes which were unobtainable due to import restrictions. Thus, when he heard that I was going to Lourenco Marques he asked me if I would bring him a few packets. The rest you know. Alphonse 'phoned and told you instead of me where to call for the cigarettes." Alfredo took out his cigarette case and selected a plain, lit it and inhaled deeply. "I am disappointed in you, Pat, I thought you had more respect for the law, still....." "I think you are making rather a big fuss about nothing. Who the hell cares if a few packets of American Cigarettes get smuggled into the country anyway, others do it". "I suppose you're right, said Alfredo, "anyhow I am going to turn in".

A few days later after the two students had gone home Alfredo received an urgent message from Pat. "Please come over to my room this evening something urgent has cropped up...Pat".

That evening Alfredo hurried to Pat's apartment and knocked on the door. A very grim Pat opened the door and showed him in without a word. Pat handed him the morning newspaper and pointed to an article - "The Portuguese Police raided Waterside Restaurant on the Rue de Alphonse this morning and found the Proprietor in possession of two thousand pounds worth of Opium. The dope was cunningly concealed in cigaretter packets which, it is believed, were being smuggled to Johannesburg where they were being sold at enormous profits."

The blood drained from Alfredo's face. "What are you going to do," he asked. "There is only one thing to do" Pat replied, "have a showdown with Magda and if it is true then.... the Police". "This will wash you up as a Medical Student Pat" said Alfredo softly. "I know" he replied, "but there is a difference between cigarettes and Opium". "I'll come with you to see Magda", said Alfredo. "No it's better if I go alone. I will speak to you before I do anything." Alfredo stood up and shook hands with Pat and left.

It is perhaps fitting that this last issue of the year should appear at a time when, a few thousand miles away at Warsaw, there is a conference of students from all over our anxiety-ridden globe.

We in South Africa are virtually on the periphery of the student world and possibly do not comprehend the way in which general student opinion is moving. For this reason we would like you to read the following Leading Article from the June issue of World Student News:

A SPRING OF HOPE.

The few weeks that have elapsed have witnessed student groups in growing numbers meeting to discuss their common interests, thus breaking the barriers that separated them.

Thus the National Union of Italian Students (UNURI) Congress, has invited an IUS delegation, for the first time, thus the National Union of French Students (UNEF) Congress, has received Soviet students, for the first time. IUS and World Student Christian Federation, are preparing to discuss anew the problems in which they are equally interested.

Students live - strange as it may appear in the eyes of certain people - in the XXth century on earth, not on a barren planet. The indisputable difficulties encountered today by workers and engineers, sailors and poets, exist also for the students who, in France, remind their ministers of the price of dry and fresh vegetables, meat and fish; who, in Chile, claim educational reform; who, in Bolivia, get alarmed over the price of tin, and in Pakistan, die in claiming somewhat better conditions.

It is not necessary to elaborate on the terrible sufferings of the students of Korea and the countries of Indochina; knowledge of this is alive in everybody's thoughts.

The student movement has always been opposed to a division of the world which students feel in their own way, not only through its economic effects, but because it also means for them, on an international scale, an end to meetings, friendly intercourse, exchange of persons and ideas, the tradition of which is as old as the university itself.

This spring, which witnesses from several quarters initiatives to lessen international tension, and the resuming of negotiations in Korea, has brought with it a very strong sense of hope.

Students feel that it could mark an end to the hardships imposed by war, the success of their demands, international exchanges again made freely.

They feel that they can and must make a still greater effort to know one another and contribute to the lessening of international tension.

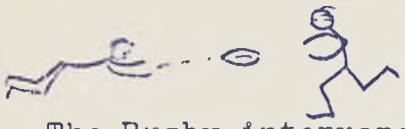
In Paris, christian democrat, socialist, communist, catholic and colonial students state that; "ever more, the people of the whole world realise, that peaceful negotiations are possible; in Korea, where armistice talks have started again, and also in Indochina and Germany. Students! we must do everthing in order that negotiations proceed or commence. We must avoid any gesture that would imperil this desire".

That is why they, both members and non-members of the IUS, also follow the preparations for the IIIrd World Student Congress with interest; they are hopeful that from this meeting there may result, in an atmosphere of better understanding, concerted action for the realisation of objectives, acceptable to all.

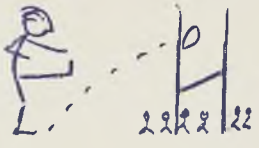
Does this mean that they all approve of IUS policy? Clearly not. But it is true, on the other hand, that they approve and support these fundamental principles: belief in the possibility of peaceful co-existence of different economic and social systems; the desire to aid this co-existence.

The ravages of war do not sidestep universities. War, cold or hot, when it descends upon a country, makes itself at home in laboratories and libraries,

CTD.



RUGBY



The Rugby intervarsity with Tuks Medical School resulted in a victory for the Tuks. This was not surprising as the Wits. Captain was still searching for a player as the teams were taking the field. Nevertheless the match was played in good spirit and was ably handled by Wallaby Max Elliott who kept the game open.

Humour, too, was not lacking and the spectators made the most of the wanderings of one "Barnie".

The game itself started off at a fast pace and Wits were soon down to a try scored by one of the Tuks forwards. A penalty goal and two more tries were added to their total, and the half-time score was 12-0 in favour of Tuks.

Three quick tries were then scored by Wits, one by Caterall and two by Phillips, the Captain, following breaks by Caterall and Rifkin. These were all converted, but unfortunately Wits were unable to hang on to the lead and the Tuks scored three tries to end the match Victors by 23 points to 15.

Players who may be singled out are Lowenthal and Zaloumis whilst not to mention the forwards as a whole would be doing them an injustice.

Finally, appreciation must be paid to Max Elliott and Herb Barker who turned out for this match, lending to it a slightly International character.

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care must be exercised. How to deal ethically with the problems of pregnancy in the unmarried girl and venereal disease, will form the subject matter of the next article.

Medical Ethics ctd. from pg.7

records, are of course ethical. In discussions it is advisable and customary to refer to the patient anonymously, unless the patient is present, in which case it is courtesy to introduce the patient by name to the gathering and to refer to him by name (and not as the "case") as long as he is present at the discussion. Case reports published in the medical press must always be anonymous.

Tea-room gossip about your patients with other doctors who are not concerned with the case is to be avoided, unless maintained at a scientific level.

The ideal that all that the doctor knows about his patient must remain secret, may seem extreme. The most apparently innocent information may, however, be a potential source of embarrassment or harm to the patient. To inform a club acquaintance that Miss Z has a corn on her little toe may ruin her chances of advancement in the ballet school where she is studying, particularly if it has become a "touch of gangrene" by the time the information, through devious sources, reaches the Director of the School of Ballet. To inform another club acquaintance that Mr. B. has had a coronary thrombosis may not only ruin Mr. B's business, but may also, when the information reaches Mr. B. from whom you have carefully withheld the fact that he has had a thrombosis, affect his health adversely, even to the extent of causing a fatal attack of ventricular fibrillation.

Where the medical condition of the patient is such that it carries a stigma, particular

Ere my opinion!

The Editor,
'Auricle.

Sir,

Copies of the correspondence regarding the Social organised by the All Sports Council of Medical School are enclosed for your information.

We would be pleased if you will give this matter the publicity which it warrants.

It is the opinion of the W.U. Students' Refectory Committee that the behaviour of certain medical students who were responsible for the disgusting mass in the Tea Room should be brought to the notice of their fellow students.

Further, we consider that the students should investigate as to why authority has been given to such irresponsible persons.

Yours etc.

Chairman, Refectory Committee.
Milner Park.

(attached were two letters, one from the Chairman to the S.M.C. asking for strong disciplinary action to be taken against the persons responsible for the damage as well as those who were in charge of the Social.

The second was a report from the Manageress of the Milner Park Tea Room listing the damage which included 2 dozen cups, 11 plates, 2 chairs, 2 window panes, a table, 2 holes in the ceiling and 6 gallons ice cream, etc.

With respect to this matter, the following two resolutions were passed at a general meeting in the Harveian Lecture Theatre.

1) "That this general meeting of medical students express its grave dissatisfaction with the conduct of the inter-medical Sports Social held on Thursday 20th August and therefore severely censures the members of the Medical School All Sports Council, who must be held responsible for this debacle.

2) "That the All Sports Council be called upon to organise a collection among the student body to cover the damages incurred at the inter-medical School Social on August 20th."

We can only hope that the All Sports Council regard this matter with the gravity it deserves and go actively about the task of collecting the necessary money.

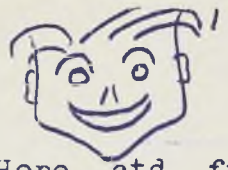
While we can offer no excuse for this shocking affair which has done only harm to our reputation at Milner Park we must point out that the All Sports Council are victims of circumstances over which they had no control.

Unfortunately we are not in a position to give any evidence, but on behalf of the students at Medical School, we should like to assure Milner Park that this episode is not a reflection of the behaviour of medical students or the organisers of the Medical School All Sports Council and should be regarded as a very unfortunate incident. Ed.)

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Ah, me! I'll hold it ne'er again -
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As Charlie Klopjag said: It's often a bosom companion that turns out to be a falsie friend.

Stoic: De boid dat brings de babies

She was only a barber's daughter, but what a mug she had.

Man (in chemist): "I want some consecrated lye".
Chemist: "You mean concentrated lye".
Man: "It does nutmeg any difference. That's what I camphor. What does it sulphur?"
Chemist: "Three and sixpence. I never cinnamon with so much wit".
Man: "Well, I should myrrh, myrrh! Yet I ammonia novice at it".

Simmie Friedman says that he met a lady inventor the other day. "Boy", says Simmie, "am I glad he invented ladies".

It is said that if Russia declares war she would never invade Esselen Street. Where would they park?

Optimist: Happychondriac.

It is rumoured that Men's Residence, always eager to get to the bottom of things, are threatening to go on a panty-raid. It must be a wild undie-taking.

She was only a baker's daughter, but she sure kneaded her dough.

She was only a lumberman's daughter, but she had been through the mill.

She was only a film censor's daughter, but she knew when to cut it out.

A Spring of Hope ctd. from pg. 13.

cities and amphitheatres, imperils our future, blocking all, the roads of life.

We believe it is not in contradiction with the efforts of students from all countries, without exception, to meet, if we interpret them at the same time, as a refusal to accept a division of the world, and the desire to see negotiations leading to agreement between the great powers and an end to existing conflicts.

STOP PRESS.

All Sports Council.

We wish to notify our readers that a letter received from the Chairman of All Sports could not be published owing to lack of space.

The editor's comments to be found at the end of "In my Opinion" were seen by, and approved of, by the Chairman of All Sports. Any rumours to the contrary are unfounded.

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This type of examination will reveal a large percentage of all ano-rectal pathology and in this way may be noted hypertrophied papillae, inflamed crypts, internal openings of fistulae, thromboses, fissures, ulcers, internal haemorrhoids, bleeding points, foreign bodies and neoplasms. Certain treatments may also be instituted through the anoscope, such as cauterization of papillae and granulations, incising crypts, injection of internal haemorrhoids, application of medicinal agents directly to the affected areas, biopsy, and removal of small foreign bodies.

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